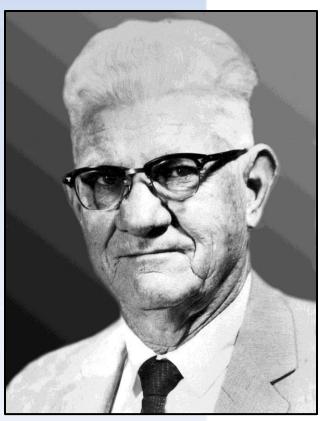


Remembering the Legacy: Honoring Past Mississippi State Conservationists



C. B. Anders

Service: 1950-1960

"You have seen this happen, but best of all, you have made a prominent part in making it happen," expressed National Administrator, Don Williams after the retirement of C. B. Anders in 1960.

Mr. Charles B. Anders was a pioneer in the efforts of conservation in Mississippi. He served as Mississippi State Conservationist from 1950-1960.

Anders was born on January 1, 1895 in Calhoun, Louisiana. He obtained his Bachelors of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering from Mississippi State College. After earning

his MS degree in crops from Michigan State College and later working toward a doctorate degree in soils, Anders began to pursue more involvement with conserving the land.

He served the magnolia state during the transitional period, before the establishment of the Soil Conservation Service. From March of 1934 to December of 1935, he served as the regional director of the Soil Erosion Project at Meridian, Mississippi. After the project was renamed the Soil Conservation Service, Anders was appointed State Coordinator and served in Jackson and at Meridian State College.

Anders began his tenure as State Conservationist in 1950 and was very influential in the development of the service in the state of Mississippi.

Under his leadership, the state's conservation districts were organized, two large flood prevention projects were implemented, and demonstrations on the land showed the value of practices such as terracing, drainage, and vegetative covers. Mississippi became one of the first states to enact a Soil Conservation District Law in 1938.

Anders retired from the service on December 31, 1960. He was married to Ruth Raney and to this union were four children. C.B. Anders died in Nov. of 1969.